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[redacted] RED NECKERCHIEF TROOPS POURING INTO SAIGON FROM DIRECTION BIEN HOA. PRESUMABLY MARINES. TELECOMMUNICATIONS CENTER TAKEN BY THESE FORCES BUT NOT RPT NOT PTT. NAVY YARD ALSO APPARENTLY TAKEN. ADDITIONAL FORCES, MAGNITUDE UNKNOWN, CONTINUE TO ENTER. AS OF 1345 HOURS LOCAL [redacted] THE COUP IS IN PROGRESS. ALSO AS OF THIS TIME THE POLICE COMPOUND AND MINISTRY OF DEFENSE HAVE BEEN TAKEN BY MARINES, MSS HQS IS BLOCKED BY MARINES, BUT MSS CAPITAL HQS IS STILL FREE AND OPEN. FIGHTING IS ALSO REPORTED FROM VIETNAMESE SPECIAL FORCES AREA AT TAN SON NHUT. THE MARINES ARE FROM THE QUANG TRUNG TRAINING CENTER.

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